

UFO-Sighting in the mountain Syote at Sarkivaara of Pudasjarvi parish. (Page 2)

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Expedition on 19/10/69

7 members of the UFO-Club of Oulu took part in the investigation during which 9 people were interviewed by means of an UFO-investigation form. The principal witnesses of the sighting, Mr. Atte Sarkela, taxi driver and Mr. Timo Laine, teacher by profession were interviewed. Their impressions were also tape recorded. Psychological tests were also done on the witnesses' powers of observation.

The investigation brought out the following facts:

Mr. Atte Sarkela was driving on 8/9/69 in the region of Pudasjarvi parish in direction of Sarkivaara (area of the mountain Syote). There were 6 passengers in Sarkela's car. During the drive at 13.25 p.m. Mr. Sarkela's and his passengers' attention was caught by a light ball visible sideways in front of them.

After having driven about a kilometer they noticed another smaller light ball in lateral direction. This light ball was not the same as the first one detected straight ahead. It seemed to move slowly alongside the mountains in the background. They were wondering at the lights, as the region was wild in that direction where car driving was impossible.

While continuing driving forward they again noticed the big light ball which was seen first. They stopped the car and looked at the moving light with astonishment. Meanwhile some people left the car and a couple of new passengers came in place of the previous ones.

The culmination of the sightings took place in the vicinity of Sarkipera at Sarkivaara.

In direction of the sighting a big light ball appeared at the left-hand side. In size and appearance the ball resembled the moon. A smaller ball was further attached onto its lower side. Moreover, a small loose ball was seen at its left side. In the ground between Sarkipera and the mountain in a deep gully a strange spectacle took place: a large number of small light balls crisscrossed near the surface of the earth touching even the ground. Now and then they went up and made different zig-zag figures. Against Pitamivaara a greater light ball appeared slightly apart from the other small ones. The larger ball seemed to move slowly in Taivalkoski direction.



The people who witnessed this spectacle watched it for a few minutes and then drove to the school of Sarkela. Mr. Sarkela, the taxi driver, awoke the school teacher, Mr. Timo Laine and his wife. Mr. Laine glanced at the light balls with the binoculars of his rifle and noticed that, when looking at the big ball with the naked eye, it seemed to have the size of the moon. But, when he used the binoculars (4 x 5) the light ball filled their entire field of vision, and part of it even remained outside. The big light ball thus had to be quite near.

The light phenomena finally vanished rather quickly. The big ball began to get smaller and suddenly seemed to disappear. The small balls in the gully had by that time vanished. However, the ball moving towards Taivalkoski was still visible in the horizon for a while. The same light ball was seen in Kuusamo around 2.00 o'clock.

#### Place of interviews

The interviews took place at the school of Sarkela where Mr. Laine, the school teacher, and Mr. Atte Sarkela had invited the witnesses to come. Some of the investigators, Director Esko Hame, Mr. Olli Hame, student in biology, Mr. Lasse Jalonen, student in mathematics, and Mr. Martti Maki, an artist, investigated and photographed the spots where the sightings took place, carefully examining the ground in the gullies. The investigators had brought with an Wallac radiation meter which at a certain place gave a reading of 0,09 milliroentgens. The basic reading in the school yard was 0.02 milliroentgens. However, the said value of 0,09 milliroentgens was not obtained at the spot where the small light balls had crisscrossed near the ground.

In this connection it may be mentioned that in the close vicinity of the area of sightings there has been minor magnetic disturbances. In the same area there also is a spot where the compass functions in an odd way. Here it may be reason to recall the UFO-phenomenons occurred in 1966 in Turku, namely the strange lights and peculiar sounds in the air over Pahanniemi. Also in Pahanniemi area there is a strong magnetic disturbance centre which has proved to have an effect on ships' compasses. May we have the right to assume that areas with magnetic anomalies also have a disturbing effect on the steering apparatus of possible ufonauts ?

Regarding the radiation measurements performed, it can be said that the values obtained are normal areal rear radiation. The sighting gives the impression that the witnesses really have experienced an extraordinary UFO-phenomenon.



The most accurate sightings were made by Mr. Sarkela and Mr. Laine. It may be mentioned that Mr. Sarkela has passed a course of meteorological observation during the time he served in the army, and is capable of identifying all weather phenomena which this case cannot belong to. The explanation of these phenomena cannot be easily found out.

UFOs in Salla (Page 5)

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At Pyyniemi of Hautajarvi in Salla an UFO was viewed at three nights. Mr. Pentti Liikanen, driver of an excavator was digging a forest ditch on October 21, 1969. After midnight his attention was fixed to a strange light coming from the west. The light grew brighter and seemed to be half a metre in size. It moved straight onward stopping once in a while. Then it moved horizontally to the left and right as well as up and down as if it were examining the ground. When the object came nearer its colour changed into violet, red etc. The time was 5.20 in the morning. Mr. Liikanen noticed that the light grew so bright that his own shadow was visible on the wall of the tractor's box. Also the ground was bright. The same object had appeared already before in the same region and Mr. Pentti Liikanen and Mr. Helge Korva, while working, had seen it three separate times. Also the other workmen had made the same sightings which are supported by what quite a few people from this locality had seen.

It has not been possible to investigate the cases of Salla on the spot. However, the investigation of these cases belongs to the objectives of our activity in the near future.

Professor Juhani Oksman

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the head of the electric engineering department at the Oulu University has studied the research material and records of the interviews pertaining to the case of Pudasjarvi. Prof. Oksman told to the editorial staff of VIMANA that the present-day science does not offer any explanation to the UFO-sighting of Pudasjarvi.

Matias Paatalo



Sighting at Koskenpaa of Jamsankoski (Page 7)

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The night before October 6, 1969, at 3.50 Mrs. N.N. awoke because her bedroom was brightly illuminated. She first thought of having left the outside light on, but then noticed that a light ball in the sky was the source of light. She woke up her husband and they watched together the phenomenon from the window. In the room there also was a dog who did not react in any way.

Measured at an arm's distance the object was approx the size of a football. It was a colourless, very bright ball and at the rear three tails were seen. They were large and several tens of metres long. The tails were also bright but they did not seem to be solid, but veil-like. The object moved slowly from SE to N. First, the object was very high above and it seemed as if the tails would have pointed downward. But, when the object was disappearing in the horizon the tails seemed to point upward. The sighting lasted for about 5 minutes. The line of flight of the object was straight, and the speed regular. No sound was heard. At that time the sky in the west was cloudy, but bright in the east. The moon was not visible. (EE)